

Crises, conspiracies and 'building back better' - Tony Pearce

¹¹ For the Lord spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying: ¹² "Do not say, 'A conspiracy,' Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, Nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. ¹³ The Lord of hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear, And let Him be your dread. ¹⁴ He will be as a sanctuary, But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense To both the houses of Israel, As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁵ And many among them shall stumble; They shall fall and be broken, Be snared and taken." ¹⁶ Bind up the testimony, Seal the law among my disciples. ¹⁷ And I will wait on the Lord, Who hides His face from the house of Jacob; And I will hope in Him. ¹⁸ Here am I and the children whom the Lord has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel From the Lord of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion. ¹⁹ And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰ To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. ²¹ They will pass through it hard-pressed and hungry; and it shall happen, when they are hungry, that they will be enraged and curse their king and their God, and look upward. ²² Then they will look to the earth, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and they will be driven into darkness.

BOOK OF ISAIAH Chapter 8 verses 11-22

Some people question that and say that if you say that what's happening is leading to some kind of a global world government, you're following an unsure conspiracy theory. Really, they say: *we've got a lot of well-meaning world leaders around us who are working for our benefit, giving us a vaccine and hoping to get us out of this trouble we're in and to get us into a good situation.*

Those who say that's not the case are accused of following some kind of conspiracy theory. I think it's not the case. I think we are heading towards some kind of really dark period through this situation and it's being used to some kind of predetermined purpose to bring in a controlled society using technology, leading towards the Antichrist government prophesied in **Revelation chapter 13**.

Going back to **Isaiah**, he says **don't be afraid, don't be afraid of this. Fear God. Look to Him for your sanctuary place of safety.** And the message of this scripture is actually that if we look to the Lord, we look to Him as our help, then we have One who is going to be strong on our behalf and He's our place of sanctuary, the place of safety.

I found a few things in that passage (**Isaiah** starting at **chapter 8 verse 11**) relevant to the coronavirus situation and our situation in it.

It tells us first of all, as I said earlier, of the invasion which is going to come upon Assyria, of which the people were afraid. God says through **Isaiah** that they need not be afraid of it for **God is with us** and **the Word God is with us** - in Hebrew: **Emmanuel**, which means **Emmanuel God with us**. And he tells them, in **verse 12**, not to call this a **conspiracy**, not to be afraid of their threats.

Now, when we talk about what's happening in the coronavirus situation, there's a lot of talk about **conspiracy theories**, that we're under some kind of a conspiracy which is aiming at changing our world, threatening our future. Those who take a prophetic line as I do, can see elements of conspiracy in what's taking place around us.

As we look at Bible prophecy, sometimes people get a bit alarmed and think '*you know what people like Tony Pearce are saying is really scary.*' And there are elements which are scary, but also elements which want us to put our trust in the Lord and to trust Him because He is for us and He is with us, Emmanuel God with us.

Isaiah also speaks about the people who are with him. He and his people, his children, **being for signs and wonders in Israel**. I don't think that actually means that he's going to be performing great signs and wonders. It means that they themselves are the signs and the wonders, they are the signs of the truth of God. And it means that God's people are actually like a signposts pointing us to the end result which is the coming of the Messiah, first of all to redeem us, and then, coming a second time, to judge the world and to bring in His Kingdom.

So, **we ourselves are a signpost given by the Lord and He calls us to trust Him and to keep His Word**. To find our peace and our safety in Him.

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2ND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS Chapter 4 verse 6

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The passage also says **He's going to hide his face from those who reject him**, in which case, the coming disaster will cause them to stumble, to fall and be broken. And he says that those who don't speak according to the law and the testimony, according to the Word of God, will have no light in them.

As we look into the present situation, you can see that, around the world, there are a lot of people speaking in the name of God. Some of them

speaking in the name of Jesus, but they have no light in them because they're not following what the Bible says.

We have a movement towards a world religious system which I'll speak about a bit later, which actually has no light in it. It's actually in the darkness. And the people who are following that are actually going to end up not being in a good place, they're going to end up cursing God, it says in this passage, and being driven into darkness.

The Bible does say that there's a growing spiritual darkness which is coming on the world through this and through other crises which are now hitting us. The New Testament describes it as the Great Tribulation, the Old Testament speaks about the time of Jacob's trouble, a time of undoubted trouble in which there's only one way to be saved. That's through faith in Yeshua, in Jesus the Messiah.

Isaiah 9 verse 2 has a prophecy about Jesus coming, Jesus coming to be the One who will be the great light on the people who are walking in the darkness. As we look at the darkness around us, we can give thanks that we have the light of Jesus. That He gives us His light.

His truth, as the famous prophecy of **verse 6** says, tells us about **a child born unto us, a son given**, speaking of his first coming as the Messiah. It says that He would have a name which is the **wonderful Counsellor**.

The one who brings the counsel of God into our situation, who is Himself the mighty God. He is Emmanuel, God with us. He's also the everlasting Father, the Father of everlasting life, the Author of life, and the Prince of Peace.

**6 For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be
upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

BOOK OF ISAIAH Chapter 9 verse 6

And He's the One who's come already to give us these things, and He is the One upon whose shoulder the government will rest.

So if you're a bit miffed about the present state of government - which I am - and which most people in the world are, then you can look up because there is a time coming when the government of the world is going to be upon His shoulder. He's going to rule the kingdoms of this world. They will become the Kingdom of our God, of His Messiah and He shall reign forever and ever.

The scripture speaks about the increase of His government and about peace. That He will bring no end to that Peace as He reigns upon the Throne of David which is also, in itself, a prophecy of the Second Coming of Jesus.

So this prophecy in **Isaiah** speaks of both the first and the Second Coming of the Messiah and looks forward to the time when the Messiah is going to sit on David's throne and reign and give peace and justice to the world.

I included the next verses because I saw something quite interesting in those. I said earlier that those people who are trusting in the other side of things, who are not believing in Jesus, are actually going to head for a real disappointment, head to terror in fact. Those who hope in the Antichrist forces will be let down and they will suffer terribly as they suffer because of the wrong choice they've made.

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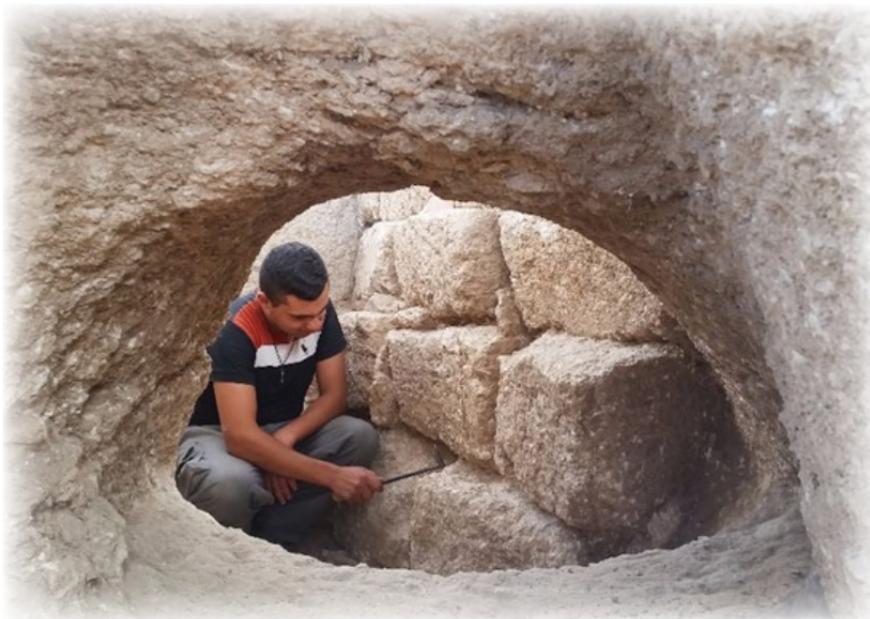
The call now, of course, is to make the right choice, to believe in Jesus.

But this passage has this word which is given to the people of Israel and to the inhabitants of Ephraim and Samaria - that's the Northern Kingdom - and who are saying in pride and arrogance 'the bricks have fallen down but we will rebuild with hewn stones'.

And that phrase actually struck me. That these people are saying '*okay we've had some measure of disaster come upon us, but we're going to rebuild with hewn stones; we're going to rebuild something better*'.

Now, it's clear that this rebuilding is not actually something which God blesses.

They're doing it in pride and arrogance, in their own strength. And it's something which will actually end up facing the anger of the Lord, and His anger will be upon it.



I was thinking about this. What's the phrase which we are hearing from world leaders today? From the global reset people. It is '**build back better**'.

What are they saying they're going to do? They're going to see these disasters happen but now **they're going to build something back better**. A better society.

And it just struck me that this is being done not in obedience to the Lord, not with reference to Him, but in the pride and the arrogance of man, and trusting in human power, not in God's power.

It is an attempt to 'build back better' which the global reset people and others are talking about, even our own governments are talking about it. If you pay attention, you'll find that an incredible number of world leaders today are using this phrase '**build back better**'.

I don't know if you've noticed that but it's happening. Even Boris said something about 'building back better' recently. So, there is the idea that we're going to build something back which will be better than it was before.

According to what the Bible says, it will end up not with something better but something even worse and it will lead into the time of the Great Tribulation and, therefore, we should have hope in the Lord Jesus, Messiah.

This **building back better**, it occurs to me, may be successful for a while. Sometimes we think that it's all going to be a disaster. It may actually start off quite well and there may be a temporary solution, but it will be something which is doomed to fall, as in the Babylon system, and it will be the object of the Lord's anger. When it's falling, it will be replaced by the Second Coming of Jesus. So the word for us here is to be faithful to the Lord, to look for His coming Kingdom when the government will be upon His shoulder. His government will not fail as the world systems government will fail.